

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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## I. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

### Q1. If I have questions about this funding announcement, who do I contact?

**ANSWER:** Please see the FOA guidance on submitting FOA content questions and response publication. Applicants may submit questions regarding this ARPA-E's Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to [ARPA-E-CO@hq.doe.gov](mailto:ARPA-E-CO@hq.doe.gov). All emails must include the FOA name and number in the subject line. The cover page and Executive Summary of the Funding Opportunity Announcement state the deadlines for submitting questions to [ARPA-E-CO@hq.doe.gov](mailto:ARPA-E-CO@hq.doe.gov).

### Q2. How will I receive a response to questions submitted to [arpa-e-co@hq.doe.gov](mailto:arpa-e-co@hq.doe.gov) about this FOA?

**ANSWER:** Responses are posted in the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of ARPA-E's website. There are general FAQs and a FAQ page for each FOA.

ARPA-E will post responses on a weekly basis to any questions that are received.

ARPA-E will cease to accept questions approximately 5 business days in advance of each submission deadline. Responses to questions received before the cutoff will be posted approximately one business day in advance of the submission deadline. ARPA-E may re-phrase questions or consolidate similar questions for administrative purposes.

### Q3. Will ARPA-E post a response to every question submitted to [arpa-e-co@hq.doe.gov](mailto:arpa-e-co@hq.doe.gov)?

**ANSWER:** No. ARPA-E will only post responses to questions that have not already been addressed by a published FAQ. Also, ARPA-E may consolidate similar questions for administrative purposes.

### Q4. If I have questions about ARPA-E Exchange, who do I contact?

**ANSWER:** Applicants may submit questions regarding ARPA-E's online application portal, ARPA-E eXCHANGE, to [ExchangeHelp@hq.doe.gov](mailto:ExchangeHelp@hq.doe.gov). All emails must include the name and number of the Funding Opportunity Announcement in the subject line.

### Q5. Can I speak or meet with the ARPA-E program director or other ARPA-E personnel about this funding opportunity announcement?

**ANSWER:** No. Upon the issuance of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), ARPA-E Program Directors and other ARPA-E personnel are prohibited from communicating (in writing or otherwise) with Applicants, or potential Applicants, regarding the FOA. This "quiet period" remains in effect until ARPA-E's public announcement of its project selections. During the "quiet period," Applicants may submit questions regarding the FOA to [ARPA-E-CO@hq.doe.gov](mailto:ARPA-E-CO@hq.doe.gov) with the FOA name and number in the subject line. Applicants may also submit questions regarding ARPA-E's online application portal, ARPA-E eXCHANGE, to [ExchangeHelp@hq.doe.gov](mailto:ExchangeHelp@hq.doe.gov) with the FOA name and number in the subject line. ARPA-E will not accept or respond to communications received by other means (e.g., fax, telephone, mail, hand delivery). Emails sent to other email addresses will be disregarded.

### Q6. Can a person be PI on one proposal and a CO-PI on a second separate proposal?

**ANSWER:** Yes, but the applications must be scientifically distinct from one another.

**Q7. May applicants submit more than one concept paper to this funding opportunity?**

**ANSWER:** Yes, but each Concept Paper submission must be scientifically distinct.

**Q8. I have developed a technology that may be a good fit for this funding opportunity. Will ARPA-E please review the attached project information and let me know if I should make a submission to this funding opportunity?**

**ANSWER:** No. Applicants must review the Technical Requirements of this funding opportunity announcement to determine if their technology warrants a submission to ARPA-E. See e.g. Section I.D ("Technical Categories of Interest") and Section I.F (Applications Specifically Not of Interest) of the FOA.

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**ANSWER:** The answer to your question depends on the specific facts. Please see Section I.F. "Applications Specifically Not of Interest" of the FOA, in particular the 2nd and 11th bullets. Also of potential relevance: ARPA-E's mission is to accelerate transformational technological advances in areas that industry by itself is not likely to undertake because of technical and financial uncertainty, and to prepare those technologies for commercialization in the marketplace. Therefore, ARPA-E may not fund projects that overlap with prior or current efforts funded by public or private sources.